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there's variation between plans are justified based on unique membership needs. We'll never be able to start the fund if you follow Senator Bruning's policy of prefunded. We've got to start somewhere. We have no other way of taking care of unique employees other than a supplemental plan because you'll run into the same problems. Senator Bruning will turn right around and say, huh, we can't do this for everybody. It costs too much money. The only set of employees that are unique are these people who are employees at will and who are subject to the whims of not only what color of socks they may wear, but whether someone is reelected as Chair, whether someone is reelected or whether they have another job opportunity. That is so unique. This body is the only group of people that are like that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: So if you were going to base an entire system, you might violate a couple of these if you were going to do it for the entire system, but not when you have to take into consideration the unique membership needs that this body has. And that's the problem. The other parts of these in terms of providing them directly under the retirement system, this would be under the retirement system but it is a supplemental plan, there is no doubt about it. But it's the only way to address this group of employees in this manner. And that's in a very precise, cogent way I can present that, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've got 30 seconds left, Senator Beutler, if you wish to have them. If not, Senator Kristensen, your light is next.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I'd call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. In favor of ceasing debate, vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate on the motion to return to Select File. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.